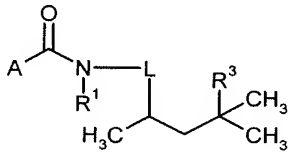
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

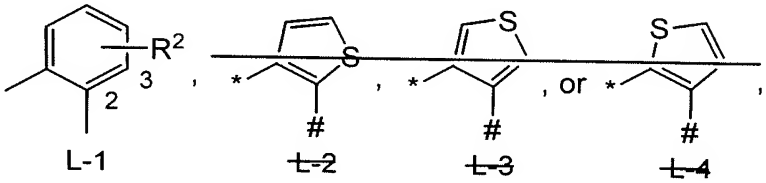
Claims 1-19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (currently amended): A hexylcarboxanilide of formula (I)



(I)

in which

L represents  L-1 ~~L-2~~ ~~L-3~~ ~~L-4~~

~~where the bond marked with * is attached to the amide nitrogen atom, and the bond marked with # is attached to the alkyl side chain,~~

R^1 represents hydrogen, C_1-C_8-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkylsulphinyl, C_1-C_6-alkylsulphonyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl; represents C_1-C_6-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkylthio, C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulphinyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulphonyl, halo-C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; represents formyl, formyl-C_1-C_3-alkyl, (C_1-C_3-alkyl)carbonyl-C_1-C_3-alkyl, or (C_1-C_3-alkoxy)carbonyl-C_1-C_3-alkyl; represents halo-(C_1-C_3-alkyl)carbonyl-C_1-C_3-alkyl, halo-(C_1-C_3-alkoxy)-carbonyl-C_1-C_3-alkyl having in each case 1 to 13 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; represents (C_1-C_8-alkyl)carbonyl, (C_1-C_8-alkoxy)carbonyl, (C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl)carbonyl, or (C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl)carbonyl; represents (C_1-C_6-haloalkyl)carbonyl, (C_1-C_6-haloalkoxy)carbonyl, (halo-C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl)carbonyl, or (C_3-C_8-halocycloalkyl)carbonyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents -C(=O)C(=O)R^4, -CONR^{5}R^6, or -CH$_2$NR^{7}R^8,

R^2 represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, or trifluoromethyl,

R^3 represents halogen, C_1-C_8-alkyl, or C_1-C_8-haloalkyl,

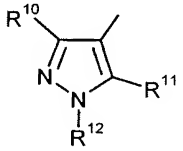
R^4 represents hydrogen, C_1-C_8-alkyl, C_1-C_8-alkoxy, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl; or represents C_1-C_6-haloalkyl, C_1-C_6-haloalkoxy, halo-C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms,

R^5 and R^6 independently of one another each represent hydrogen, C_1-C_8-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl; or represent C_1-C_8-haloalkyl, halo-C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_3-C_8-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or R^5 and R^6 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle having 5 to 8 ring atoms that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C_1-C_4-alkyl, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further non-adjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulphur, and NR^9,

R^7 and R^8 independently of one another represent hydrogen, C_1-C_8-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl; or represents C_1-C_8-haloalkyl, C_3-C_8-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or R^7 and R^8 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle having 5 to 8 ring atoms that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C_1-C_4-alkyl, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further non-adjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulphur, and NR^9,

R^9 represents hydrogen or C_1-C_6-alkyl, and

A represents a radical of formula (A1)



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in which

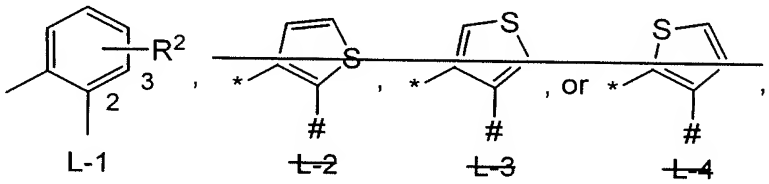
R^{10} represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, formyl, cyano, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, nitro, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, C_1-C_4-alkylthio,or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl; represents C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy, or C_1-C_4-

haloalkylthio having in each case 1 to 5 halogen atoms; or represents aminocarbonyl or aminocarbonyl-C_1-C_4-alkyl,

R^{11} represents hydrogen, chlorine, bromine, iodine, cyano, C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, or C_1-C_4-alkylthio; or represents C_1-C_4-haloalkyl or C_1-C_4-haloalkylthio having in each case 1 to 5 halogen atoms, and

R^{12} represents hydrogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl, hydroxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_2-C_6-alkenyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl, C_1-C_4-alkylthio-C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-or alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl; represents C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkylthio-C_1-C_4-alkyl or C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl having in each case 1 to 5 halogen atoms; or represents phenyl.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A hexylcarboxanilide of formula (I) according to Claim 20 in which

L represents 

~~where the bond marked with * is attached to the amide nitrogen atom, and the bond marked with # is attached to the alkyl side chain,~~

R^1 represents hydrogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkylsulphinyl, C_1-C_4-alkylsulphonyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl, or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl; represents C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkylthio, C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulphinyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulphonyl, halo-C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; represents formyl, formyl-C_1-C_3-alkyl, (C_1-C_3-alkyl)carbonyl-C_1-C_3-alkyl, or (C_1-C_3-alkoxy)carbonyl-C_1-C_3-alkyl; represents halo-(C_1-C_3-alkyl)carbonyl-C_1-C_3-alkyl, halo-(C_1-C_3-alkoxy)carbonyl-C_1-C_3-alkyl having in each case 1 to 13 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; represents (C_1-C_6-alkyl)carbonyl, (C_1-C_4-alkoxy)carbonyl, (C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl)-carbonyl, or (C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl)carbonyl; represents (C_1-C_4-haloalkyl)carbonyl, (C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy)carbonyl, (halo-C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl)carbonyl, or (C_3-C_6-halocycloalkyl)carbonyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms; or represents -C(=O)C(=O)R^4, -CONR^{5}R^6, or -CH$_2$NR^{7}R^8,

R^2 represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, or trifluoromethyl,

R^3 represents fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, C_1-C_6-alkyl, or C_1-C_6-haloalkyl having in each case 1 to 13 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms,

R^4 represents hydrogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl, or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl; or represents C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy, halo-C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl, or C_3-C_6-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms,

R^5 and R^6 independently of one another each represent hydrogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl, or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl; or represents C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, halo-C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl, or C_3-C_6-halocycloalkyl having in each case having 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or R^5 and R^6 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle having 5 or 6 ring atoms that is optionally mono- to tetrasubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C_1-C_4-alkyl, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further non-adjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulphur, and NR^9,

R^7 and R^8 independently of one another each represent hydrogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl, or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl; or represent C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_3-C_6-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or R^7 and R^8 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle having 5 or 6 ring atoms that is optionally mono- or poly-substituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C_1-C_4-alkyl, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further non-adjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulphur, and NR^9,

R^9 represents hydrogen or C_1-C_4-alkyl, and

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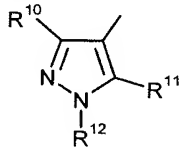

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in which

R^{10} represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, formyl, cyano, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, or cyclopropyl; represents C_1-C_2-haloalkyl or C_1-C_2-haloalkoxy having in each 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents trifluoromethylthio, difluoromethylthio, aminocarbonyl, aminocarbonylmethyl, or aminocarbonylethyl,

R^{11} represents hydrogen, chlorine, bromine, iodine, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, or C_1-C_2-haloalkyl having 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, and

R^{12} represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, C_1-C_2-haloalkyl having 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, hydroxymethyl, hydroxyethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, or phenyl.

Claims 22-23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (previously presented): A hexylcarboxanilide of formula (I) according to Claim 20 in which R^1 represents hydrogen, formyl, or -C(=O)C(=O)R^4, where R^4 is as defined for formula (I) in Claim 20.

Claim 25 (canceled)

Claim 26 (previously presented): A hexylcarboxanilide of formula (I) according to Claim 20 in which R^3 represents halogen.

Claim 27 (previously presented): A hexylcarboxanilide of formula (I) according to Claim 20 in which R^3 represents C_1-C_8-alkyl.

Claim 28 (previously presented): A hexylcarboxanilide of formula (I) according to Claim 20 in which R^3 represents C_1-C_8-haloalkyl.

Claim 29 (canceled)

Claim 30 (currently amended): A composition ~~for controlling unwanted micro-organisms~~ comprising one or more hexylcarboxanilides of formula (I) according to Claim 20 and one or more extenders and/or surfactants.

Claim 31 (withdrawn): A method of controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising applying an effective amount of one or more hexylcarboxanilides of formula (I) according to Claim 20 to the microorganisms and/or their habitats.

Claims 32-37 (canceled)